GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3552
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OUSTEES OF KANIHA NTPC POWER PROJECT
Nayak Shri Ananta

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is inordinate delay in payment of compensation by National Thermal Power Corporation(NTPC) to the people displaced due to the establishment of thermal power plant at Kaniha in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to expedite the payment of compensation to the displaced persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : No, Sir. For the establishment of NTPC Talcher Kaniha Project, land was acquired by the State Government of Orissa as per the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act. A total of 3700 acres, out of which 1515 acres was private land, was acquired for setting up of the project. The period of acquisition was from May, 1987 to June, 1995. Immediately after village-wise Sec.6(1) notification by Government of Orissa for the said lands during the above period, compensation amounts, as demanded by Government of Orissa, were deposited with the State Authorities, who in turn disbursed the payments to the entitled persons as per the award under Land Acquisition Act, from time to time. The process of land acquisition for setting up of the project has since been completed and no demand of any compensation claim by Government of Orissa is pending with NTPC Ltd.

(b) : Does not arise in view of the reply above.